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SUBJ: ECLA: 17TH SESSION: RESOLUTION ON CREATION OF A
SYSTEM OF COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG PLANNING BODIES
OF LATIN AMERICA AND STRENGTHENING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

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1. FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY GUATEMALA, THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, VENEZUELA, PANAMA AND COLUMBIA REPLACES
RESOLUTION REPORTED REFTEL:

"THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

"CONSIDERING THAT THE LATIN AMERICA INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES), ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY CEPAL
RESOLUTION 199 (IX) AND ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 220 (AC 52)
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF CEPAL, HAS PLAYED AND CON-
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TINUES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
PLANNING IN LATIN AMERICA, THROUGH ITS BASIC FUNCTIONS
OF TRAINING, ADVISORY SERVICES AND RESEARCH,

"BEARING IN MIND THAT IN VIEW OF ITS EFFECTIVE CONTRI-
BUTION TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF LATIN AMERICA, THE LATTER
DECIDED IN RESOLUTION 340 (AC 66) OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE

WHOLE THAT ILPES SHOULD BECOME A PERMANENT INSTITUTION
WITH ITS OWN IDENTITY WITHIN THE CEPAL SYSTEM,

"TAKING INTO ACCOUQNT THAT RECENTLY CEPAL RESOLUTION
351 (XVI) PROVIDED THAT ILPES SHOULD COOPERATE IN THE
EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH RESULTS ON GLOBAL,
SECTORAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING BETWEEN THE PLANNING BODIES
OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES, SO AS TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION
AMONG THEM.

"1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE HOLDING OF THE FIRST
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING IN CARACAS,
VENEZUELA FROM 13 TO 16 APRIL 1977, ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY
CEPAL, ILPES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA, AS WELL AS
THE REPORT OF THAT CONFERENCE AND OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
OF ILPES,

"2. NOTES IN PARTICULAR THE AGREEMENT OF THE MINISTERS
AND HEADS OF PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF CO-ORDINATION
AND CO-OPERATION AMONG PLANNING BODIES OF LATIN AMERICA,
WHICH CONSTITUTES A MAJOR ADVANCE IN REGIONAL COOPERATION
AND INTEGRATION,

"3. NOTES FURTHER WITH SATISFACTION THE EXISTENCE
OF SUB-REGIONAL MACHINERY FOR BRINGING TOGETHER THOSE
IN CHARGE OF PLANNING IN THE ANDEAN AREA, CENTRAL AMERICA
AND PANAMA, AND THAT RECENTLY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION
COMMITTEE,
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"4. CONCURS THAT AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MIQMINSTER
AND HEADS OF PLANNING OF LATIN AMERICA CONSTITUTES A
NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
EXPERIENCE, THE IDENTIFICATION AND DEFINITION OF COMMON
ACTIONS DESIGNED TO INCREASE REGIONAL COOPERATION, AND
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES PROPOSED AT THE CARACAS
CONFERENCE,

"5. CONSIDERS THAT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE
ANNUAL CONFERENCES THE MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING SHOULD
ORIENT AND EVALUATE THE ACTIVITIES OF ILPES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE FUNCTIONS ENTRUSTED TO THE ILPES TECHNICAL COM-
MITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER RESOLUTION 340 (AC 66) OF THE CEPAL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE;

"6. RESOLVES THAT, IN FULFILLMENT OF ITS SPECIFIC FUNC-
TIONS AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE PROVISIONS OF OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH 4 OF CEPAL RESOLUTION 351 (XVI), ILPES SHOULD

ASSIST THE MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING OF LATIN AMERICA
WITH ADVISORY ASSISTANCE IN THEIR JOINT CO-OPERATION
EFFORTS MENTIONED IN PART THREE, SECTION 2 OF THE REPORT
OF THE CARACAS CONFERENCE;
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"7. REITERATES THE RECOMMENDATION PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED
TO THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND AUTHORITIES TO
FURNISH ILPES WITH STABLE AND SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO CARRY
OUT ITS DUTIES;

"8. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE CONFERENCE
THAT THE TEMPORARY BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE APPROVED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION BE PLACED ON
A PERMANENT BASIS AND INCREASED AS FROM JANUARY 1978, SO
THAT ILPES CAN FULLY MEET ITS INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES
AS THE FOCAL POINT OF ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PLANNING
IN THE CEPAL SYSTEM,

"9. FULLY SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE
RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF ILPES IN THE SHORT TERM,
REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CEPAL, TOGETHER WITH
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ILPES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, TO NEGOTIATE
WITH UNDP A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF PHASE FOUR OF THE ILPES
PROJECT FROM 30 JUNE 1977, AND ALSO REQUESTS THE COUNTRIES
OF THE REGION TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR THAT PERIOD THE VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS THEY HAVE OFFERED;

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"10. FURTHER REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, TOGETHER WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ILPES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, TO NEGOTIATE WITH UNDP A PHASE FIVE FOR ILPES TO BEGIN ON 1 JANUARY 1978, IN WHICH CONNECTION IT IS RECALLED THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION MUST MAKE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCING OF ILPES, AS INDICATED AT THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING OF LATIN AMERICA;

"11. THANKS UNDP FOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION WHICH IT HAS MADE TO ILPES HITHERTO, AND EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE ALSO TO THE COUNTRIES WITHIN THE REGION AND OUTSIDE IT, PARTICULARLY THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND THE NETHERLANDS, WHILE ASKING THEM TO CONTINUE GIVING ILPES THE GREATEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT."

2. ABOVE RESOLUTION PRODUCED BY WORKING GROUP IN WHICH LATINS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY RESPONSIVE TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY CONCERNS, AT LEAST SOME OF WHICH SEEM TO HAVE ARISEN FROM VERY POOR DRAFTING OF ORIGINAL RESOLUTION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE STATUS OF ILPES IS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS. IT IS NOT A UN AGENCY BUT IS AN INSTITUTION OF THE ECLA SYSTEM, FUNDED TO A LARGE DEGREE FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS BY UNDP. IT IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING SOME REGULAR UN BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR PLANNING SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARIAT. LANGUAGE IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT WHICH WOULD HAVE SOUGHT TO MAKE ILPES A PERMANENT AGENCY OF THE UN HAS BEEN REMOVED.

3. RE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MEMBERSHIP OF ILPES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IS THE SAME. INTENTION IS TO HOLD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF MINISTERS.

4. RESOLUTION NO LONGER CALLS FOR ILPES TO BECOME THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND
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HEADS OF PLANNING BUT INSTEAD (OPERATIVE PARA 6) CALLS FOR ILPES TO ASSIST MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING WHICH HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF ITS SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS.

5. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 8-9 REMAIN SOMEWHAT LESS THAN DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, RESOLUTION NOTES THAT, "THE COUNTRIES

OF THE REGION MUST MAKE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCING OF ECLA," (OPERATIVE PARA 10) AND THE RECENT CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESULTED IN PLEDGES OF APPROX \$600,000 FOR SUPPORT OF ILPES. WE BELIEVE THIS KIND OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

6. USDEL INTENDS TO JOIN CONSENSUS UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE BE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE PROMISED TO ADVISE SECRETARIAT OF OUR POSITION BY EARLY TUESDAY.

7. COPY OF REPORT OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY SHAFT FOR PETERS, ARA/ECP.
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